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We are pleased to announce the release of the 2016-2017 Youth Apprenticeship Local Grant and Program Application Request for Proposals. As you know, Governor Walker is dedicated to empowering Wisconsin students to pursue opportunities that will lead to fulfilling careers through the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program.

DWD strives to provide programs, including Youth Apprenticeship, that enable students to gain work experience in high school. These experiences are critical to students as they consider life after high school and make decisions about post-secondary education and training.

This 2016-17 RFP grant application especially encourages Youth Apprenticeship consortia to reach out to employers offering Registered Apprenticeship. Bridges between the programs can offer students a clear path to a skilled career. Please highlight all exceptional opportunities that youth can receive by participating in your Youth Apprenticeship program, including credit towards Registered Apprenticeship, articulated or dual credit with postsecondary institutions, and opportunities to earn extra industryrecognized credentials.

The deadline to submit proposals to DWD is April 24<sup>th</sup> and late applications will not be accepted. Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to Youth Apprenticeship program staff, who can be reached at YA@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for the work you do to serve youth and employers in your communities.

Raymond Allen Secretary